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We declare as follows:

1. We are inventors who, on January 31, 2002, filed the above-identified application. At the time of such invention, we were employees of Hewlett-Packard Company.

2. Prior to December 31, 2001, the effective date of the application from which U.S. Patent No. 6,813,087 issued to Davis matured, we conceived of our invention, and diligently worked toward reducing our invention to practice, as demonstrated by the Invention Disclosures attached to this declaration.

3. Invention Disclosure 10015643 (which has a descriptive title "Dynamic Gamut via Filter Wheels for Digital Projector") is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. As indicated, Invention Disclosure 10015643 was prepared at least as early as April 24, 2001.

4. Invention Disclosure 10019415 (which has a descriptive title "Variable Gamut via Locked Together Dual Color Wheels for a Digital Projector") is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. As indicated, Invention Disclosure 10019415 was prepared at least as early as July 30, 2001.

5. At the time of preparing Exhibits 1 and 2, which preceded December 31, 2001, we had conceived of a display device including: an illumination source configured to direct light along an optical path; a first color filter having a first number of color regions; and a second color filter having a second number of color regions; wherein the first and second color filters are configured so as to selectively adjustably cooperate in sequentially filtering the directed light to display an image.

6. We also had conceived of a display device including an carriage configured to selectively position either the first color filter or the second color filter in the optical path.

7. We also had conceived of a display device including an optical path director configured to selectively direct the optical path through either the first color filter or the second color filter.

8. We also had conceived of a method of displaying an image, the method including: providing an illumination source; directing light from the illumination source along an optical path; and sequentially filtering the directed light with at least one of plural cooperative color filters by selecting a first color filter, fixing a position of a second color filter in a predetermined position in the optical path and moving the first color filter relative to the optical path.

9. We also had conceived of a method of displaying an image, the method including: providing an illumination source; directing light from the illumination source along an optical path; and sequentially filtering the directed light with at least one of plural cooperative color filters by altering the optical path to coincide with a selected one of plural color filters.

10. We also had conceived of a sequential color filter system for filtering light directed along an optical path, the sequential color filter system including: a first color wheel having a plurality of color regions; and a second color wheel having a plurality of color regions including at least one white region; each of the first and second color wheels being individually selectable to sequentially filter the light directed along the optical path.

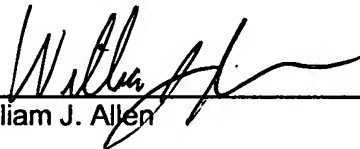
11. We also had conceived of a display device including: an illumination source configured to direct light along an optical path; a first sequential color filter means disposed along the optical path; and a second sequential color filter means disposed along the optical path; one of the first sequential color filter means and the second sequential color filter means being selectable for individual movement through the optical path to effect adjustable sequential filtering of the directed light to display an image.

12. Following our conception prior to December 31, 2001, we diligently worked toward reducing our inventions to practice, and on January 31, 2002, filed the present patent application.

13. All acts set forth herein and/or relied upon for the purpose of establishing invention prior to December 31, 2001 were carried out in the United States.

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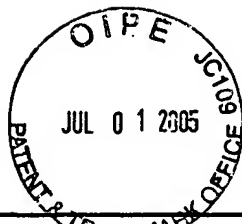
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Dynamic Gamut via Filter Wheels for Digital Projector

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Existing sequential color digital projectors use one of two color wheel schemes depending on the intended use of the projector. One scheme delivers a gamut with a better white point at the expense of chroma, while the other trades off white for better chroma. The invention details a novel scheme for using two wheels in a product to allow the projector to easily switch from one optimization scheme to the other. Customers can use one projector to display video with a video optimized gamut and and display data with a gamut optimized for data.

Description of Invention

Section Complete

Projector hardware has a fixed gamut. Some machines have a gamut optimized for video in controlled lighting, others are optimized for data display.

projection system can be realized by automatically controlling the color gamut selection based on image content and ambient conditions.

A single projector can adjust the shape of its gamut depending on image content and viewing conditions.

A single projector with the invention does the job of two that don't have it. Implementation is straightforward, easily quantifiable in terms of size, weight, cost, and benefit. Existing designs in the market serve as proof of concept for the invention. Easy to market: DynamicGamut (tm) and easy to demonstrate benefits.

Description: Describe the construction and operation of the invention.

Refer to attached Dynamic Gamut.ppt

Figure 1 shows a conventional color wheel optimized for video display in controlled lighting. The wheel has three segments, one for each primary color. This design has lots of chroma, but has a limited maximum brightness (white point).

Figure 2 shows a convention data display wheel. The white segment allows lots of light to reach the screen, increasing maximum brightness. This comes at the expense of the other three segments, effectively reducing the intensity of the three primaries. This reduces the maximum chroma.

One implementation would be to put two wheels in the projector. You could move one or the other wheel into the optical path, depending on which is desired. Alternatively, the optical path could be moved (mirrors or prisms) through the desired wheel.

A twist on the previous implementation would be to have a single wheel with both patterns (Figures 1 and 2) on it. The two patterns are concentric, one outside the other. Either the wheel or optical path is moved so as to cause the light to pass through one pattern or the other. If the filter wheel is upstream of the integrator rod, the optical path could be positioned so as to pass through some each pattern, resulting in an infinite set of intermediate gamuts.

An different implementation is possible where neither wheels nor the optical path are moved. See Figure 3. Two wheels are used. For data display, Wheel B is stopped with light passing through the white (clear) segment. This effectively takes wheel B out of the system. The area through which the light passes in the wheel is naturally small in typical systems, so only a small angle of Wheel B must be white. Wheel A is a "classic" RGBW data wheel. Since wheel B is stopped at a clear segment, only wheel A is in effect.

This concept is easily extended to multiple wheel, each with a filter set that is optimized to give a particular gamut.

When a less bright, higher chroma gamut is desired, Wheel A is stopped on its white segment, and Wheel B spins. Wheel be is almost the same as the high chroma wheel shown in Fig 1. A small section given to white. It is probably possible to adjust the optics so as to reduce the area on Wheel B through which the light passes, thereby reducing the percent of the wheel lost to white.

The selection of gamut shape is easily automated. Assume there are two available gamut shapes: HP (high brightness), HC (high chroma). If data is supplied via a VGA data port, then the HP gamut is selected. If data is supplied via the S-Video port, or via the composite video jack, then HC is selected. In a more sophisticated implementation, incoming data is analyzed, and is determined to be data or video. The analysis result is used to select HP or HC. This is an extension of the HP's Color Smart patent (5,731,823) to projection.

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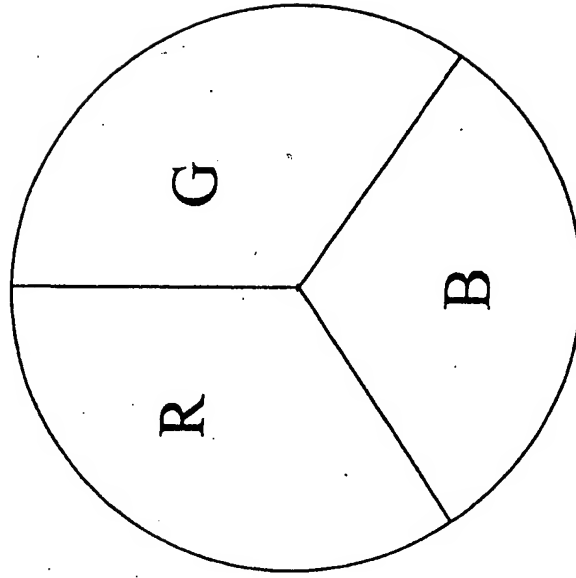
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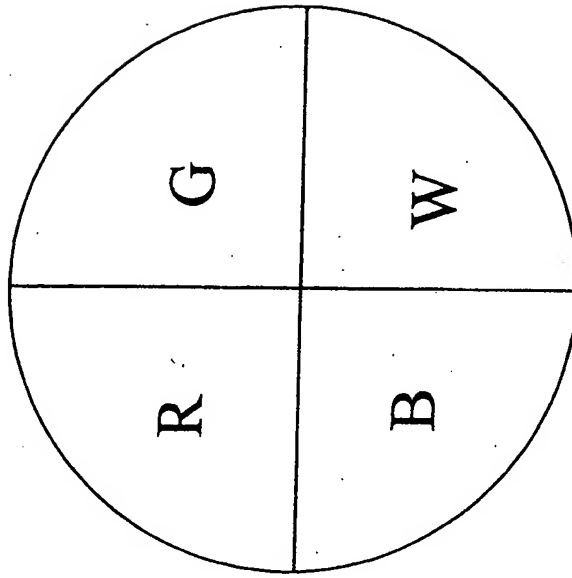


Conventional Single Wheel
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Fig 1



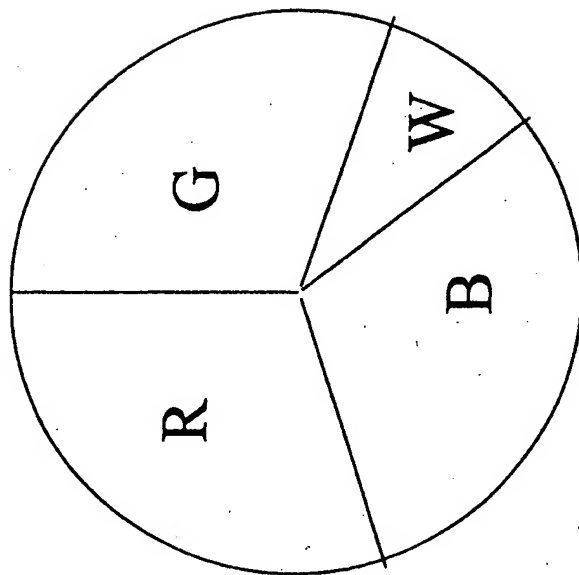
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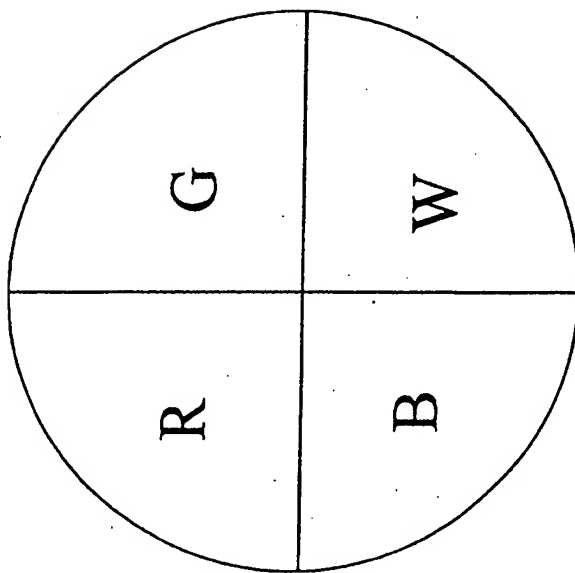
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Fig 2

Dynamic Gamut



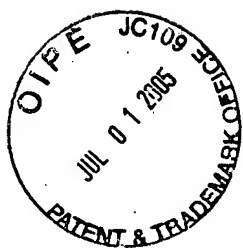
Wheel B




Wheel A

Dual Wheels

Fig 3



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Description of Invention

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An illumination system is provided for a projector. This illumination system allows a broad range of solutions for trading off color gamut and brightness.

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The present invention provides a way of building a flexible projector that works for applications where chroma is more important (a very dark room and/or applications where color gamut is most important) or where brightness is more important (a not so dark room and/or where sharp boundaries between light and dark are important).

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Variable Gamut via Dual Color Wheels for Digital Projector

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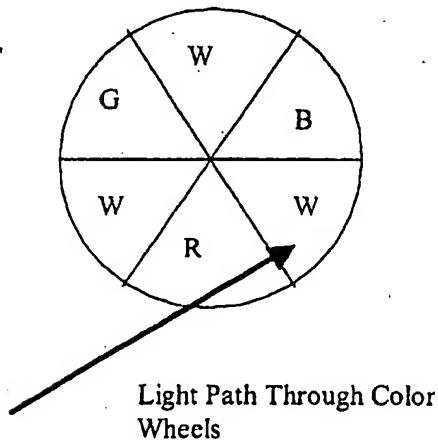
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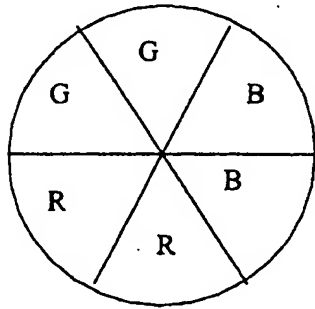
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This is an extension or modification of disclosure 10015643 which describes the use of two color wheels to enable switching between one color wheel providing high chroma (all or mostly RGB) and another wheel enabling high brightness (with a white or clear section). For the present invention, there are preferably two or more color wheels, but they don't have to be different.

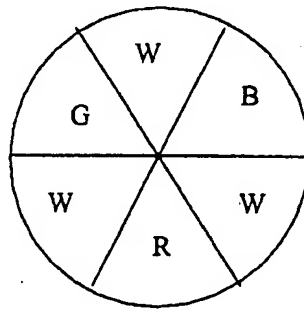
In one embodiment, there are two wheels of the following type:



The two wheels overlay one another and are clamped together, so that they spin together. The relative rotational positioning of the wheels determines the tradeoff between chroma and gamut. For maximum chroma, the color sections (RGB) are aligned with the clear or white (W) sections. For maximum brightness, each color section is aligned with the same color. These variations are illustrated below.



Maximum Chroma
with 60 degree
misalignment of
wheels.



Maximum
Brightness with
Perfect Alignment of
Wheels

There are also a number of intermediate relative positions of the wheels that provide a continuous tradeoff between chroma and brightness.

In a preferred embodiment, the wheels "lock" and spin together as a unit at any relative position between alignment and 60 degree misalignment of the colors. A locking system allows one wheel to be partially decoupled from the shaft (for spinning the wheels) so that it may be rotated to the preferred position relative to the first wheel before being locked during operation of the projector.

In one embodiment, timing marks are placed on one or both of the wheels to determine degree of overlap. One wheel or disk is fixedly mounted to a spinning shaft while a second disk is friction mounted to a slip clutch. A braking force is applied to the second disk while the shaft is rotating until the timing mark(s) are sensed to indicate that a correct degree of relative alignment between the disks is present. Then, the braking force is removed to allow the wheels to rotate together.

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